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The Honorable Board of Supervisors County of Los Angeles 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

## LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT 30-DAY REPORT BACK ON CONTRACT COMPLIANCE STATUS FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY OFFENDER MONITORING SYSTEM

At the September 10, 2013 Board meeting, the Sheriff was requested to report back every 30 days on contract compliance and program updates for the Los Angeles County Offender Monitoring System (LACOMS) as provided by Sentinel Offender Services, LLC (Sentinel). The current status of the program is outlined below:

- The LACOMS is currently monitoring 141 inmate workers assigned to 23 patrol stations and 15 inmates assigned to treatment service centers utilizing Global Positioning System (GPS) and Radio Frequency (RF) technology. The program continues to operate successfully with Sentinel technicians providing daily installation services.
- During the month of April, Sentinel completed a second installation phase of commercial grade cell boosters/repeaters at the following locations: Walnut, East Los Angeles, and South Los Angeles Sheriff's Stations (Stations). Based on the results of the first set of cellular booster/repeaters installed during the month of March, which resulted in a 10 to 15 percent improvement in signal quality overall, it is expected that a substantial increase in cellular coverage will also be recognized at these Stations. The installations were completed at no cost to the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (Department).

- During the month of April, personnel assigned to the LACOMS program conducted random audits of 18 LACOMS participants utilizing Sentinel's web-based monitoring system "Sentrak." The monitored reviews showed no low battery alerts. We have received feedback from the Stations' jail personnel that the low battery alerts have diminished due to improved charging practices, as well as the use of the portable battery packs provided by Sentinel. The tamper alerts received were the result of the ankle monitor being removed by the Station jailer prior to the inmate returning to the Department's Inmate Reception Center for release or for disciplinary issues. No alerts were received due to unauthorized device removals. Sentinel contacted the Stations' jailers and the treatment service center representatives to notify them of all alerts received.
- The cost to the Department for GPS monitoring for the month of March was \$16,900.20.

Should you have any questions, please contact Chief Eric G. Parra, Custody Services Division General Population, at (213) 893-5017.

Sincerely,

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SHERIFF